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John Bruce, Devil-may care soldier of fortune, to whom the very breath of life is romance and adventure, finds himself flat broke in the far-off South Sea Islands. He is approached by a stranger, of distinguished appearance, who declares that he is in urgent need of a man of Bruce's character as he is the owner of several small "clubs" in the States, the largest located in New York City, and feels certain that, despite his orders to the contrary, his places are not being run on the square. He wants Bruce to investigate the New York Club and persuades him to sign

a contract which reads "so long as my services shall be needed". His employer then discloses himself as Gilbert Larmond, a well-known club and society man who has always been able to keep secret his ownership of the gambling clubs. He signs the contract with invisible ink which can only be read when moistened with salt water and explains to Bruce that this is to be their system of secret communication.

Bruce's first night at the club in New York proves uneventful until almost the closing hour when he overhears a patron, who has been stripped of cash, ask for a loan on a diamond ring. This the manager of the club explains politely is against the rules but that possibly he (the patron) might care to "take a trip to Persia". The patron refuses abruptly and leaves. Keenly interested, Bruce pretends that he too is broke and, on being offered a "trip to Persia", accepts.

He is escorted to the door by the manager who signals a taxicab which is standing across the street. Inside Bruce meets a beautiful girl who examines his ring in a businesslike manner, gives him the required loan and advises him that he may redeem his ring any time by following the same routine. Deeply interested in the girl Bruce follows her to her home in the slums. As he starts to return to his hotel he sees a street peddler abusing a child and knocks him down. In a moment he is in a free-for-all with the denizens of the neighborhood and is stabbed in making his escape. Pursued by the enraged crowd he falls through an window into the room occupied by the girl, and lapses into unconsciousness. He later learns that she Claire Venisa, living

With her father, Paul Veniza, a pawnbroker, who, except for this one night, has always handled the "Trip to Persia".

Alarmed, Claire calls the only physician she knows Dr. Crang, a drug addict who has long been in love with her. He refuses to aid Bruce unless she promises to marry him if Bruce recovers. Claire finally consents, influenced also to a great extent by the fact that Crang holds her father, the pawnbroker's liberty in his hand, because of a crime committed years ago. What she does not know is that her real father is Old Hawkins, the driver of the taxicab, a sordid wreck of a man who turned her over, when a baby, to the pawnbroker and his wife.

Bruce recovers and falls deeply in love with Claire during his convalescence, while she is equally in love with him, but steadfastly refuses him because of her promise to Crang. Once when she weakens Crang threatens to have her supposed father imprisoned and that steadies her resolve.

Bruce hears Crang threatening Claire and despite his weakened condition thrashes him, reopening his wound during the fight. Enraged, Crang traps Bruce in his home, assisted by two crooks, and then informs him that in his delirium he has named his employer. Bruce is forced to write a letter denouncing the girl he loves and asking Larmond to come to him. He steals a chance, however to pen a message of warning in invisible ink at the foot of the letter. Crang shows the letter to Claire who is so affected that she weeps and her tears falling on the invisible letters bares them to Crang's gaze and defeats Bruce purpose. Larmond, in response to Bruce's message, comes to Craig's house but Bruce overpowers Crang and they leave the house together.

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Crang insists that Claire marry him at once on pain of the immediate exposure and arrest of Veniza. She finally agrees and it is first decided that she and Veniza shall ride in one car and that Crang will ride in the taxicab driven by Old Hawkins, Claire's real father. The old man is desperate and determined that she shall not marry Crang. At the last moment it is decided that Veniza is too ill to accompany them and Claire and Crang both get into the taxi driven by Old Hawkins. Hawkins has not been informed of the change in plans and thinks he is driving only Dr. Crang, the man who is persecuting his daughter. To get to its destination the taxi must

cross a ferry. Hawkins, determined to destroy Dr. Crang, even at the expense of his own life, drives the car through the ferry slip and it crashes into the water. Bruce, in pursuit of Claire, gets to the slip in time to see the crash. Plunging into the water he rescues his sweetheart. Dr. Crang and Old Hawkins are drowned. Bruce is released from his life's contract with Larson and to enter into another with Claire.

CAST

John Bruce.....	TOM MOORE
Claire Venise.....	EDITH ROBERTS
Dr. Crang.....	Charles Gerard
Paul Venise.....	Josef Swickard
Mrs. Venise.....	Mabel Van Buren
Old Hawkins.....	James Barrows
Gilbert Larson.....	Eric Wayne
Joe Burke.....	Billy Elmer

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